

TESTIMONY OF
JOSEPH GRABINSKI, CHIEF EH&S STEWARD
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BEFORE THE CHILDREN COMMITTEE
IN SUPPORT OF RB 6526
AN ACT CONCERNING TOXICS DISCLOSURE AND INNOVATION FOR HEALTHY
CHILDREN

Senator Bartolomeo, Representative Urban, and honorable members of the Children Committee. My name is Joe Grabinski and I am the Chief EH&S Steward of the Teamsters Local Union 1150. I am submitting testimony in support of RB 274 An act concerning toxics disclosure and innovation for healthy children.

We support the language of RB 6526 because we believe that it is a realistic and collaborative system among experts within the state agencies and the panel of experts who will begin the process of identifying chemicals of high concern and subsequently establishing a process to reduce exposure or educate consumers about the potential exposures.

If toxic chemical exposure can be directly attributed to increasing numbers of cancers, asthma, behavior disorders, and other chronic disease, then decreased exposure to toxins, could subsequently lead to declining disease rates , and ultimately to health care cost savings. We recognize that it is unlikely that the federal reform process of the Toxic Substances Control Act will yield results, so it is imperative to begin the process of determining which new and existing chemicals are safe and do not endanger public health or the environment at the state level.

As workers who are exposed to numerous and dangerous chemicals on a daily basis, it is refreshing to know that there is potential for a systematic yet multi-faceted approach that will have little to no fiscal impact on this state even as it focuses on the implementation of all aspects of this law. RB 6526 is a large step in the right direction and we urge you to support it.

Thank you,

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